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### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR For:

**AUTOMATICALLY DRILLING** 

AND BACKREAMING A HORIZONTAL BORE **UNDERGROUND** 

Group No.: 3672

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**Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

# TRANSMITTAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BEFORE MAILING DATE OF EITHER A FINAL ACTION OR NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE (37 C.F.R. 1.97(c))

- The Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed 1. after three months of the filing date of this application or the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in §1.491 in an international application, or after the mailing date of the first Office action on the merits, whichever event occurred last but before the mailing date of either:
  - a final action under §1.113; or (1)
  - a notice of allowance under § 1.311, (2)

whichever occurs first.

#### STATEMENT OR FEE

2. Accompanying this transmittal is

(check either A or B below)

a statement as specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e). A. 

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited on anuary 15/2002, with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C.

Sean V. O'Connell

Signature

January 15, 2002

Date

Name of applicant, assignee or registered representative SVO/tdr/82380-0339/442179 1.DOC OR

B. In the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) for submission of an Information Disclosure Statement under §1.97(c) in the amount of \$2.00 CEIVED

### **FEE PAYMENT**

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3. Applicant elects the option to pay the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) for submission of an information disclosure statement under § 1.97(c)

Fee due \$240.00

### METHOD OF PAYMENT OF FEE

4.

- Attached is a check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_
- Charge Account No. 13-2493 in the amount of \$240.00. A duplicate of this request is attached.
- If any additional fees are due, please charge Account No. 13-2493.

## ADDITIONAL ENCLOSURES

- - A pre-addressed postcard is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted

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